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Briefs

Hydrants flushed next week

The City of Northwood will be flushing hydrants throughout the city Monday through Wednesday, October 10-12.

Residents of the city are advised to refrain from washing clothes on those days, as the water might be discolored.

The water will remain safe to drink while the hydrants are flushed.

Fall clean up set for Oct. 13-15

The annual fall clean up begins in Northwood next Thursday, October 13, continuing through Saturday, October 15. The City is offering a chance for residents to dispose of unwanted items as they do some fall cleaning.

Dumpsters will be provided for Northwood residents at the Northwood city yard, located on the east side of Northwood along Highway 105.

Clean up days are intended for discardable items that would not be picked up through normal garbage collection, meaning regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.

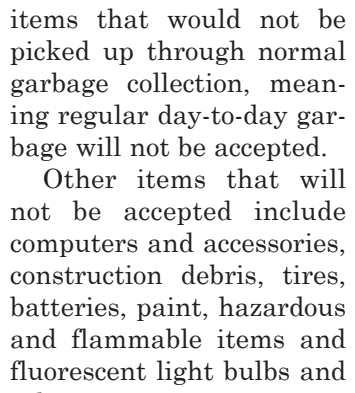
Other items that will not be accepted include computers and accessories, construction debris, tires, batteries, paint, hazardous and flammable items and fluorescent light bulbs and tubes.

In addition to the items being accepted by the City of Northwood, containers will be available at the site for those that wish to dispose of scrap metal and automotive batteries. Those items will be sold, with proceeds donated to the Relay For Life of Worth County.

The City is asking that the public not remove any items from the dumpsters during clean up week.

The dumpsters at the Northwood City Yard will be open on Thursday, October 13, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Friday, October

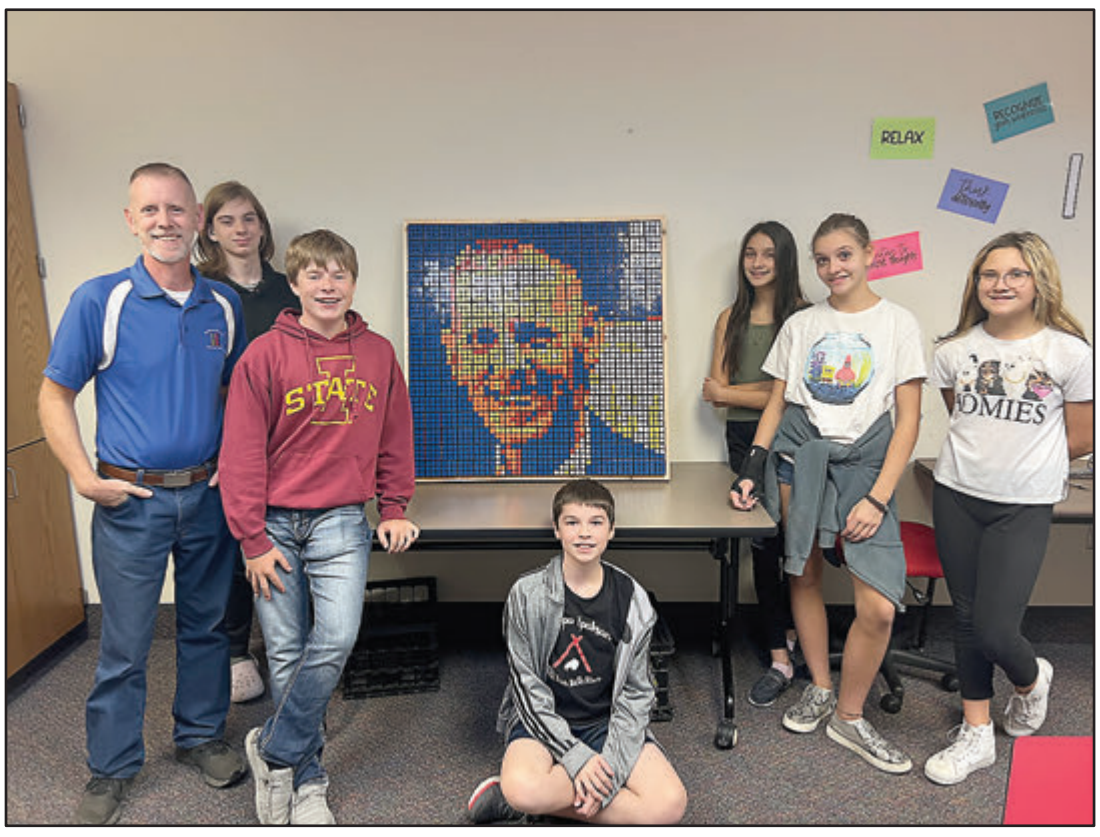
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The Week's WEATHER

by National Weather Service Observer John Podgorniak

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Tues. Sept. 29	63	31	
Wed. Sept. 30	61	28	
Thurs. Oct. 1	68	32	
Fri. Oct. 2	71	39	
Sat. Oct. 3	73	48	
Sun. Oct. 4	73	47	
Mon. Oct. 5	69	49	



Fritz cubed

The latest Rubik's Cube creation at Northwood-Kensett was completed last week, with a certain principal the inspiration for the geometric artwork. Pictured above are (from left) the model for artwork, secondary principal Keith Fritz, along with the student cubers Feyre Grunhovd, Weston Willand, Konlin Perry, Mia Fierova, Ivy Toresdahl and Cayleigh Pepper. The students took about a week to twist and turn 256 cubes so that they could be put in place to create Fritz's portrait.

EMS/ambulance town halls begin at Kensett FD

With a vote on proposed EMS (emergency medical services) taxes, which may fund an ambulance service based in Worth County, town hall meetings were set for each Worth County community over the course of this and next week. The first of those took place in Kensett on Sunday, as a part of the Kensett Fire Department Open House.

A committee of county EMS officials and volunteers has had several meetings to present options to address the county's EMS needs.

That committee prepared an informational outline of the proposed EMS taxes and ambulance service for the town halls, which was available at the Kensett town hall on Sunday. Portions of that document appear below:

"The County is supported by 7 fire departments; 5 of those 7 have trained first responders, EMTs or paramedics that volunteer their time to provide basic life support (BLS) services. There is a shortage of volunteers within the county and the fire departments are struggling to get people to respond to those calls to provide BLS care (as much as 20% with no response).

"Advanced life support (ALS) transport times within the county range from 10 minutes up to 35 minutes before an ambulance would arrive to provide ALS care.

"How would a full-time ambulance service help the county?

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As Fire Prevention Week approaches, NVFC reminds that 'Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.'

The Northwood Volunteer Fire Company (NVFC) is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week (FPW), October 9-15, 2022. This year's FPW campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

"Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

The NVFC encourages all residents to embrace the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme.

"It's important for everyone to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Given that every home is different, every home fire escape plan will also be different," said Blake Severson, NVFC chief. "Have a plan for everyone in the home. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them!"

The NVFC wants to share these key home fire escape planning tips:

- Make sure your plan meets the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every levelof your home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two

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Worth districts adjust pay to keep substitutes in place

As it becomes increasingly difficult to find teachers to fill in for absent faculty members, Worth County's school districts recently adjusted the daily pay for those that substitute in their classrooms.

According to information shared at September board meetings, amongst area school districts, both the Central Springs and Northwood-Kensett districts were at the bottom of area schools when it comes to substitute pay.

Prior to September board meetings, the districts' substitutes were paid $105 per day. That compared to $110 in Saint Ansgar, $120 in Forest City and Lake Mills; $125 in Riceville; $130 in Osage; $135 in Mason City; $140 at Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock; and $150 at Charles City.

Superintendents at both CS and N-K asked the districts' school boards to increase substitute pay to help draw available teachers and help make it less appealing for those that live in the local districts to sub in neighboring districts.

Based on the recommendations of the districts' administrators, the boards of both districts approved raising substitute pay for those substituting for classroom teachers to $130 per day.

Zoning commission weighs in on TIF

Last week, meetings of the Worth County supervisors and the county planning and zoning commission gave a preview of what may come at a public hearing set on County plans to borrow against future wind turbine taxes.

The Worth County supervisors plan to use a process called tax increment financing (TIF) to generate the financing for three projects.

The TIF process involves setting a base tax valuation level and then borrowing against taxes generated by valuation increases in the future.

The properties that could be the basis for the forthcoming TIF borrowing are the newest wind turbines, located in the northeast corner of the county.

The TIF funds generated would be used for three purposes, as currently proposed.

The first is to provide financial backing for the Readifuels company to build a natural gas pipeline to the Manly Terminal area. The County needs to have $10 million on hand. Acting as the loan's guarantor allows the company to secure financing.

Another use of the TIF funds is a series of road and bridge projects, estimated at roughly $6 million.

The third use is the potential renovation or replacement of the county courthouse, with an estimated price tag of $20 million.

There are several steps in the process before the County can undertake TIF borrowing.

First the County must update a document known as an urban renewal plan (URP).

The document details areas the County will use as the basis for TIF borrowing as well as the areas where the TIF funding will be spent.

Part of that process involves a review of the planned URP amendments by the Worth County planning and zoning commission, which met last Wednesday.

Three members of the commission were present for the discussion, including chair Jeff Gorball, David Quisley and Todd Rothove. Their purpose was to report back to the supervisors on whether they thought the proposed changes met with the parameters of the urban renewal plan.

The commission addressed each addition separately.

On the plans to add the courthouse project and courthouse property, the commission largely didn't see it as a use of funds that would fit.

Gorball said that the development plan notes that making services available to the public qualifies. But, he said, a courthouse project would not add services.

Rothove said that he didn't see how fixing or replacing the courthouse would bring in new revenue or make a difference in the type or availability of services to county residents. He also said that it wouldn't help with economic development.

Quisley said he could see that the courthouse project is necessary to continue providing services, but that if the County doesn't undertake the renovation or replacement, that wouldn't

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Bruno is pictured with one of his picks for pumpkins available in Bolan Sunday.

Bolan hosts 'Pancakes, Pumpkins & Pumpkin Pie' this Sunday

The Bolan Schoolhouse & Cultural Center will be hosting "Pancakes, Pumpkins & Pumpkin Pie" fundraiser this Sunday, October 9, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

People are invited for hot-off-the-griddle pancakes, sausages, banana, coffee, milk and orange juice; picking pumpkins or gourds from the patch; and having some pumpkin pie.

Free will donations will go towards operating expenses for the 1923 Barton No. 2 School.

National 4-H Week - See Inside

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"Faster transport times: Every call has a delay in dispatch times between Worth County and neighboring counties. The average time can be from 3-6 minutes. With an ambulance in the county, the dispatch delay would be gone. This service would be dispatched at the same time as the first responders. We would no longer have to wait for an ambulance to come from neighboring counties. Having an ambulance based in Kensett would reduce transport times by up to 20 minutes...

"How does the taxation work?

"The State of lowa allows counties to tax for EMS services two different ways.

"1. Local option income surtax.

"This would be a 1% tax assessed on the amount of income tax you owe to the state of lowa...

"2. Ad valorum property tax.

"This would be an additional tax on all taxable properties within the county, at $.75 per $1,000 of valuation...

"The Board of Supervisors have declared EMS as an essential service to the county. The Board has voted to put both taxes on the ballot for the General Election on November 8. These taxes can only be collected if passed by the voters with a 60% approval. If passed, the board agrees to use the income tax first and collect property tax to cover the rest of the expense for the service (estimated at $500,000-$520,000).

"The Worth County Ambulance Committee includes members from all 7 of Worth County's fire departments, county EMS director and one supervisor. The committee has spent numerous hours collecting data and information to figure out what is the best option for the residents.

"The committee unanimously agree that the county needs an Advanced Life Support ambulance service with 24-hour coverage to give the best patient care, fastest response and fastest transport times possible to every resident in the county. All fire departments fully support the need of a transport service within the county.

"Worth county runs an average of 600-650 EMS calls per year. The ambulance service will not eliminate the need for the first responders in the county, it will not close or shut down any of the fire departments. It will ease the workload to all those departments."

In addition to the information in the document, Kensett Fire Department chief Jeff Heiken, Worth County Sheriff Dan Fank and Worth County supervisor and Manly Fire Department volunteer AJ Stone answered questions from those at the town hall gathering.

Asked for clarification about how the income tax surtax works, Stone explained that when people go to file taxes, the surtax will be included automatically for anyone that is a resident of Worth County at the end of the year.

Stone also explained that the estimated revenue from the surtax is roughly $50,000-60,000.

Stone noted that even if the County doesn't proceed with an ambulance service, the ambulance services that respond will likely ask for County financial support in the future, as the Mason City, Forest City and Lake Mills taxpayers have been left to cover any ambulance costs that can't be recouped by insurance. Stone said that could cost the County as much as $400,000 and not bring any improvements in service or response time.

Asked about the location of the proposed ambulance service, Stone said that the committee has largely agreed that Kensett is the best location, with the most cost effective approach being to add an addition to the Kensett fire station, with an ambulance bay and quarters for the on-call crews.

Fank said that the ambulance service as proposed was what the committee had determined to be the best option for Worth County residents. He acknowledged that the funding options were not ideal, but said that they are the best options available to the county.

Fank also added that, as someone that has traveled throughout the county in emergency situations, Kensett is the best option for its central location and direct paths to other Worth towns.

Fank explained that who will provide the ambulance has not been decided, with proposals expected from several providers.

Asked about where different providers may take people in emergencies, Fank said that people will be able to decide, unless their medical condition means that they need to be taken to the closest facility that can meet their needs.

Asked about startup costs, Stone said that it is estimated to cost $400,000 to add on to the KFD station. Fank added that the County would look for grants and other funding options for that.

A comment was made about the statement that most of the committee agreed that Kensett was the place for the ambulance. Fank said that early discussion included whether the location should be closer to the areas with higher volumes of EMS calls, notably the larger population in Northwood and the high call volume at the casino.

Fank said that the committee had agreed that, at least initially, the service should be provided by an existing ambulance in a central location. That was especially true for the majority that live outside the Northwood area, who currently have ambulance coverage closer to home than the county seat.

Stone added that in the future, local departments may be able to organize a local service and revisit the discussion.

To get started, the committee agreed that contracting with an existing provider is preferable, with the provider responsible for the ambulance, staffing, billing and other responsibilities.

Other town hall meetings were held earlier this week in Grafton and Manly.

Upcoming meetings include tonight, Wednesday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Joice Community Center; Monday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Hanlontown City Hall; Tuesday, October 11, at 6 p.m. at Northwood's fire station; and will host a meeting on Thursday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fertile Community Center.









Homecleaning

While the annual Homecoming events are a highlight of the year at Northwood-Kensett schools, the celebration left some bathroom tissue on the elementary playground. Fortunately, Colette Ubben's third grade class was up to the task of undertaking some clean up.

Clean up
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14, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, October 15, from 8 a.m. to noon.

More information is available in the ad in this week's Northwood Anchor or by contacting Northwood City Hall at 324-1075.

A number of the items not accepted during clean up week may be disposed of at the Worth County Recycle Center.

All Worth County residents may dispose of used tires without rims, old appliances, waste oil and scrap metal.

There are fees associated with disposing of tires and appliances. Waste oil, scrap metal and computer towers are accepted at no charge.

More information on the Worth County Recycle Center, including hours of operation and fees, is available at the Worth County website, www.worthcounty.org, under the departments link at the top of the page, or by calling the Recycle Center at 641-845-2200.

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add or interrupt services, or improve the county's economic development capabilities.

Based on that, all three said they didn't feel the courthouse project fit with the parameters of the URP.

The road and bridge projects were similarly based on the basis of if they were crucial or advantageous to improving economic development capabilities.

The commissioners agreed that a few of the 15 potential projects listed in the amendment were on main traffic areas, but that, considered as a whole, the projects wouldn't have an impact on economic development and were mostly maintenance projects.

Borrowing to have money on hand to back the pipeline loan did have a clear economic development purpose, according to the commission members.

They noted that the purpose of the pipeline is to provide a resource for a specific area where access could draw more development.

Another amendment to the URP would add all county right of way, bridges and culverts to the URP.

The supervisors, at previous meetings, had discussed taking the action so that the County URP map would not have to be updated for future TIF spending on roadway projects.

Like their perspective on the specific proposed road and bridge projects, the commission did not see the economic value of adding all road areas to the plan.

The final amendment to the plan would add the new wind turbines. The addition sets their base tax value at the current level, that of the farmland on which they were built. If the County pursues TIF it would be based on the valued added by the turbines.

There was some confusion at first. Gorball debated whether the County needs to borrow against the turbines to back the only TIF use the commission had seen as meeting the URP guidelines, the pipeline project.

However, the commission ultimately agreed that was not the purpose of their review.

The commission was tasked with determining if borrowing against the turbines served an economic development purpose, not whether it was necessary.

Based on that standard, Quisley and Gorball voted that having the turbines in the URP met the guidelines. Rothove abstained.

The County has worked with a legal firm to prepare the amendments. The commission's findings appear in an advisory capacity and don't prevent the County from taking action on the amendments.

The supervisors were set to hear from the zoning commission at the October 10 supervisors meeting. A public hearing on the URP amendments is set for 9:30 a.m. at the Worth County supervisors meeting on Monday, October 17.

Fire
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ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows open easily.

- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

In support of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.", members of the NVFC will be visiting with students at Northwood-Kensett elementary and also taking some on fire truck and ambulance rides to the fire station downtown, where they will tour the facilities and learn more about the firefighting tools and equipment.

The department will also share fire safety tips on its Facebook page, "Northwood Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company."

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit fpw.org and sparky.org.



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Council supports club's plans for downtown mini park

Northwood's downtown mini park will soon see some decorative improvements, courtesy of a local garden club.

At the September 26 meeting of the Northwood city council, Teresa Stehn, representing the Northwood Craft and Garden Club, appeared before the council to ask if they could take on the decorating duties of the mini park located at the corner of Central Avenue and Eighth Street North, at the northeast corner of the stoplights.

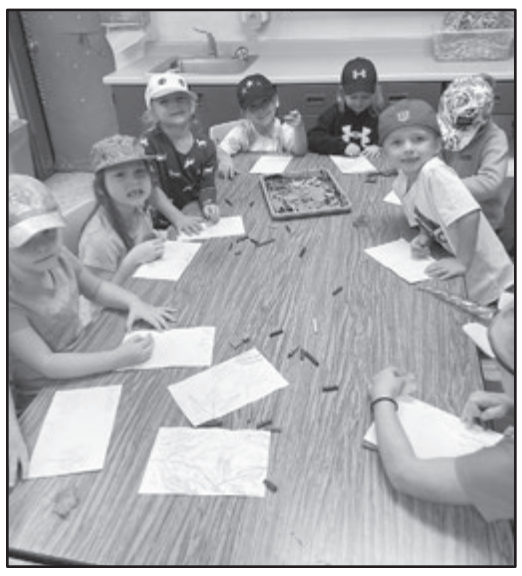
Stehn said that the club would like to "spruce up" the area with some color and some seasonal decorations.

The club will decorate, take up and take down displays and maintain their decorations.

When asked about what the decorations might entail, Stehn said that they could expect scarecrows, straw bails, pumpkins and similar items for the fall.

They would udpate those for Thanksgiving and have Christmas decorations as that holiday approaches.

The council was in favor of the option, noting that it would be nice to have the high profile area receive some decorative efforts.





From tree to art

Northwood-Kensett kindergarten students recently took advantage of the season for some artistic inspiration. Using leaves that had fallen from the trees, the students placed leaves under paper and rubbed crayon on top to capture their textures and features.





County sets hearing for tax borrowing plan

The Worth County supervisors have set a date for a public hearing to discuss where they may borrow against future wind turbine tax revenue and where it might be spent

The first step in the turbine tax borrowing and spending process is updating a document known as an urban renewal plan (URP).

The document has to be updated to include the locations of the most recent turbines added in the county, which may be used as the basis of tax increment financing (TIF), or borrowing against future taxes.

The document must also be updated to include information on how and where the County would spent those taxes.

Potential TIF uses discussed have included roads and bridges; acting as a backer for a loan for a natural gas pipeline developer; and renovating the existing courthouse or constructing a new courthouse.

The updates to the County's URP will be discussed in a public hearing at the Worth County Board of Supervisors meeting set for 9:30 a.m. on Monday, October 17.

Those that have questions or comments may speak at the hearing or submit comments in writing.

Third parties charging for military records

The Iowa County Recorders Association wants to make all veterans aware that recording or requesting military records is always free of charge for a veteran.

In recent weeks it has been reported that a third-party company has been charging veterans to record these documents. Please review the Iowa Code chapter and information regarding submitting copies of DD214 documents below. Please remember to always contact your local County Recorder for assistance recording or requesting military records.

The County Recorder's office has on permanent record, military discharges that have been presented for recording by the veterans themselves. Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 331.608(6), notwithstanding section 22.2, subsection 1, such record shall be confidential and shall not be made available for examination or copying except as follows:

• To the person who is the subject of the record, to a member of that person's immediate family, or to that person's agent or representative duly authorized in writing.

• To a person requesting to examine or copy a record when the event that resulted in the record being made occurred more than sixty-two (62) years prior to the request. However, the recorder shall redact any social security number included in a record made available pursuant to this paragraph.

• To a person who is a funeral director licensed pursuant to chapter 156 and who has custody of the body of a deceased veteran.

• When otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

• When otherwise required by a department or agency of the federal or state government or a political subdivision. The recorder shall make these records available to the Department of Veteran's Affairs. The Department of Veteran's Affairs and its employees shall be subject to the same state and federal confidentiality restrictions and requirements that are imposed on the recorder.

Veterans are also eligible to submit legal copies of their DD214 to the County Recorder's office in the county in which they reside. There is no fee to record the DD214. Copies of military discharge records are also free of charge. Veterans and entitled immediate family members may request in-person or complete a military discharge application. All records not recorded in your local county can be requested from the National Personnel Records Center.

More information is available by contacting the Worth County Recorder's Office at 641-324-2734.

EMS tax/ambulance meetings continue

The first meetings were held this week that allowed for the public to learn more about the proposed EMS taxes and ambulance plans in Worth County. There are still a few options, with meetings scheduled for next week.

This November, a measure will appear on ballots, asking voters to decide whether or not the County should implement a property tax of 75 cents per $1,000 of valuation and a 1% income tax surtax.

The funds will be used to address the emergency medical services (EMS) needs of Worth County.

Before November's general election vote on the tax measure, members of the committee and County EMS officials have and will be holding community meetings in each town in the county.

Meetings were held earlier this week in Kensett, Grafton and Manly.

A meeting at the Joice Community Center will be held tonight, Wednesday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Hanlontown City Hall will host a meeting this Monday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Northwood's fire station will host a meeting on Tuesday, October 11, at 6 p.m.

A meeting will be held at the Fertile Community Center on Thursday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Iowa State University Extension
Worth County Office 641-324-1531
Calendar of Events for October 2022

October 5–Worth County Green and White 4-H T-Shirt Day at Worth County Schools, All Day with Kimberly Bode, Worth County 4-H Youth Leader, Dennis Johnson, Worth County Extension Education Specialist and Lacey Waller, Worth County Extension Office Manager/4-H Clover Kid Coordinator

October 5–Worth County 4-H KATE Radio Interviews at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 8:15 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

October 5–Worth County 4-H 4th Grade School Presentation at Northwood-Kensett Elementary School, 9 A.M. with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

October 5-6–Bike Trail Regional Summit at Briggs Woods Conference Center, Webster City, Wed., October 5 and Thursday, October 6

October 5–Worth County 4-H National 4-H Week KIOW Radio Interviews at KIOW Radio at Forest City with Dennis Johnson

October 5–Worth County Healthiest Iowa State Walk, 5:30 P.M. at Worth County Fairgrounds Meet at Calf Statue (Main Gate), Northwood with Dennis Johnson

October 6–Worth County 4-H Leader Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Community Room at Fairgrounds, 6 P.M. with Lacey Waller, Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

October 7–Worth County 4-H 4th Grade School Presentation at Central Springs Elementary School, Nora Springs, 9 A.M. with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

October 7–Worth County National 4-H Week Radio Interviews, 10:15 A.M. at Radio Park, Mason City with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

October 10–ISU Extension Horticulture Inservice Training Day at ISU Reiman Gardens, Iowa State University, 9 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

October 11-12–Agriculture and Natural Resources Educational Workshops at Gateway Conference Center, Iowa State University, Ames, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

October 12–Iowa Association of County Extension Agents Meeting at Gateway Center, ISU, 12 Noon to 3:30 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

October 13–State 4-H Monthly Webinar Meeting at Worth County Extension Office Virtual Adobe Connect Meeting, Northwood, 9 A.M. with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

October 13–Worth County Extension Staff Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 11 A.M. with Lacey Waller, Kimberly Bode, Sarah Merrifield, ISU Extension Region 4 Education Director and Dennis Johnson

October 13–Worth County Fairboard Meeting at Worth County Fairgrounds, Northwood, 7 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

October 18–Painting with Carolyn 4-H Educational Workshop at Worth County Extension Office, Fairgrounds Northwood, 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. with Kimberly Bode

October 19–Region 4 4-H Staff Meeting at Virtual Zoom Meeting, 9 to 11 A.M. with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

October 19–Worth County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Meeting at Worth County Extension Office, Northwood, 1:30 P.M. with Dennis Johnson

October 23–Grafton Green Clovers 4-H Club Meeting at Grafton, 5 P.M. with Lori Meier, Grafton Green Clovers 4-H Club Leader and Dennis Johnson

October 24–ISU Extension Agriculture Team Meeting at Hancock County Extension Office, Garner, 9:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

October 24-26–Iowa 4-H Youth Fest at Iowa State University Campus, Ames with Kimberly Bode and Dennis Johnson

October 27–Epsilon Sigma Phi Fraternity Annual Meeting at Extension 4-H Building at ISU, 8 to 11:30 A.M. with Dennis Johnson

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Northwood City Clean Up Days
October 13-15



The City of Northwood will provide Dumpsters for Northwood Residents Discardable Items at the Northwood City Yard

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Open Thursday, October 13 from 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Open Friday, October 14 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 15 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The City does NOT authorize the public to remove discarded items from the dumpsters.



RULES: Regular day-to-day garbage will not be accepted.
Following items will not be accepted: Computers & Accessories; Construction Debris; Tires; Batteries; Paint; Hazardous & Flammable Items; Fluorescent tubes/bulbs.

Appliances will NOT be accepted at this time.

Worth County farms recognized as Century and Heritage Farms

At this year's Iowa State Fair, a number of farms throughout the state were recognized for their family history. That included several in Worth County.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship recognizes farms that have been in the same family for 100 and 150 years with Century and Heritage Farm Awards.

A ceremony recognizing the farms that were added this year was held on August 18. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation President Brent Johnson and Vice President Joe Heinrich honored 351 Iowa farm families with Century or Heritage Farm designations at the Iowa State Fair.

"I always look forward to honoring our Century and Heritage Farm families and hearing stories about their incredible journeys," said Naig. "This event is about recognizing the legacy and resiliency of the family farms that make up the fabric of our agriculture communities."

"Agriculture and Iowa's farm families are the backbone of the state and an essential part of our rural communities and economy," said Brent Johnson, Iowa Farm Bureau President. "We are honored to co-sponsor the Century and Heritage Farm programs celebrating multi-generational farm families that have persevered over 100 or 150 years and kept their farms in the family."

The Century Farm program began in 1976 as part of the Nation's Bicentennial Celebration. This year, 232 Century Farms and 119 Heritage Farms were recognized.

To date, 20,773 Century Farms and 1,685 Heritage Farms have been recognized across the state of Iowa.

Following are stories on some of the Worth County families whose farms were recognized this year.

Look for more in future issues.





Century Farm Family Evans

By JoAnn Lower

"Longevity itself is the story," said Thad Evans. "How fortunate we are to be in the position today where our farm has survived so many world events: two world wars, a cold war, the farm crisis of the 80s… It's neat to be a part of the history of the last 150 years and that our family has farmed it continuously all that time."

The history of the Evans farm began when 18-year-old Ole Halvorson arrived in America from the Reiersgaard farm near Nes, Norway in 1868. He worked on farms in the Northwood area until 1872 when he purchased 40 acres across the road from the now abandoned town of Nordland that became Concordia Cemetery on 400th St. south of Joice. When the land was cleared, the cherry trees were cut down and processed into lumber that was later made into a grandfather clock.

A year later Ole purchased the adjoining 40, followed by another 80 acres in the 1880s after marrying Kari Roppe. Here he built a Queen Anne style Victorian home for his family of four girls and two boys. He later purchased the 160 acres two miles south as pasture land for his cattle.

When Ole and Kari had both passed away, the land that Ole had purchased over the years was divided among his children. One daughter, Anna Halvorson, married William Evans also of Joice. That land became Anna's inheritance. It was then descended to their son Lloyd, and Charlotte Homes Evans.

Following the passing of Lloyd and Charlotte Evans in 1934, son Curtis Evans and his wife Suzanne (Su) became the fourth generation to live and farm the land. The late Curtis and Su Evans family has lived on this homestead since 1977.

"Each generation has added onto the farm," said Su. "Of our children – Chris, Kate, Emily, Luke, Rachel and Thad – it's Thad who is the farmer. He is in his 26th year of farming the approximately 500 acres."

"As a mom, I am most proud of our children who are such good friends. All six families, including cousins, come together every month or so. I love listening as they share memories of how the farm has impacted their lives."



The house that Lewis Butler built in the 1890s.



Century Farm Family Butlers

By JoAnn Lower

As a tribute to their father Glenn who passed away in 2020, James, Jon and Jennifer applied for the Heritage Farm Award. "In five years, when the farm turns 150, we will apply for the Heritage Award," said Jennifer.

The Butler family farm was purchased in 1877 by great-great-grandfather Iver Butler who came to Kensett from Norway. The original 80 acres was passed onto great-grandfather Lewis, then to grandfather Gilman and finally to Glenn Butler.

"Lewis built the house that's on the farm in the 1890s, and Grandpa Gilman was born in the house in 1900," said Jennifer. "Our family moved onto the farm in 1977. James and Jon farm fulltime and own Butler Holsteins LLC. We have dairy cattle and raise hay and corn to feed them."

"Dad was passionate about farming and loved traveling to look at new cattle and learn new things. He was a certified artificial inseminator, as are my brothers, so we do our own artificial insemination of the cows."

"Dad also loved birds. He had ducks, guineas, turkeys and peacocks. He collected peacock feathers and kept some in his car to hand out to people. James is continuing to care for the birds."

Karen Butler, Glenn's wife, worked at Fleetguard in Lake Mills for more than 25 years. She passed away in 2006 at age 64. Glenn was 82 when he passed away but did not retire from farming. He'd say, "If you stop moving, you're not going to be around very long."

"We have extended family in Northwood," smiled Jennifer. "Lots of cousins. The Butler farm will go on."

Jennifer attended NIACC and then went on to Spencer School of Business where she was certified in travel and tourism. She lives in Eagan, Minnesota and is currently employed as Logistics Coordinator at Best Buy. She says her fun side job is working at the Minnesota Vikings Museum in Eagan as a tour guide.

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Century Farm Family Bjellands

By JoAnn Lower

"Faith, Family, Friends" – words the Paul and Sheila Bjelland family lives by.

In 1992 Paul and Sheila moved onto the farm that in 1912 had been purchased by Paul's great grandparents, John and Inger Hanson.

Then in 1928 his grandparents, John and Esther Bjelland, moved onto the place. Forty years later, Paul's parents Thayne and Ellen began farming the land.

"When Sheila and I took over the 160-acre farm in 1992 we milked Holsteins and continued milking until 2016. Since then, our son Brent and I have been buying bottle calves and raising them. This week Brent is building his house on the farm."

Brent, FSA loan officer for six counties in north central Iowa, and his wife Brittani, pharmacist at Mercy One in Northwood, have two-year-old twin sons. These two little boys will bring lots of life and fun to the Bjelland farm.

Paul and Sheila have four children. Three of them, along with their grandchildren, accompanied Paul and Sheila to the Iowa State Fair to receive the Century Farm Award: Shannon Viereck and her three children – Abbey, Hunter and Conor; daughter Mindy and her three daughters – Addy, Ella and Layla; and Brent, Brittani and their twin boys Colson and Dean. Daughter Michelle and her children Colin and Evie from Illinois weren't able to attend.

"Our kids were all in Worth County 4-H," said Paul. "Sheila was leader of the Silver Lake Huskers Club for ten years."

Sheila grew up in Trimont, Minnesota. Along with helping Paul on the farm, she worked for 33 years as secretary at Emmons Lutheran Church. "Now I have more time for gardening, canning, and babysitting my grandchildren," she smiled.

"Paul and I tell our grandchildren about growing up on this farm, and they love hearing our stories. It's a great way to keep our family history alive."



Bjelland - Thayne and Ellen Bjelland



Bjelland - John and Inger Hanson



Thayne Judean Bjelland and Helen Mae Bjelland Holstad, along with parents John and Esther Hanson Bjelland

Century Farm Family Heimdals

By JoAnn Lower

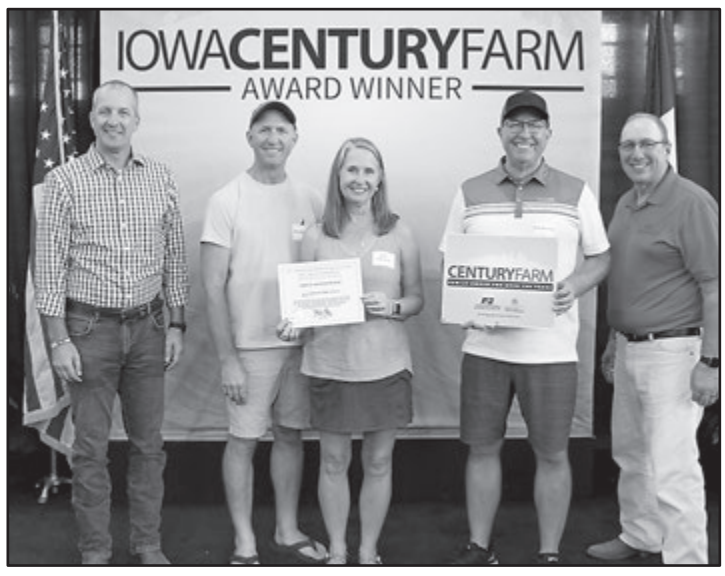
O.T. Hjemdal was 11 years old when he traveled with his parents from Norway to the United States. Years later, in 1920, he and his wife Anne had three sons. With two of the three about to be married, O.T. purchased 80 acres in Worth County to give the boys a place to live.

In 1935 the couple's son Orin and his wife Marie give birth to a baby boy they name Lowell. In 1960 Lowell marries a beautiful young girl named Evelyn, and five years later they move onto the farm, purchasing it in 1973 from Lowell's parents.

"I never wanted to marry a farmer," Evelyn chuckles. "Lowell wasn't a farmer until five years after we got married, and then he became one." With a twinkle in her eye, she says, "They were pretty good years."

Along with farming, Lowell started North Iowa Tool & Dye, a business that he moved from the farm to Lake Mills in 1975. He sold the business in 1986 and, after renting his land, started farming again. He is now once again renting the land.

Evelyn graduated from Lake Mills High School and in 1960 earned her R.N. degree from Albert Lea Naeve Hospital. "While the kids were growing up, I worked parttime as a registered nurse. I've worked in Charlies City, Forest City, the Lake Mills Care Center and the last 19 years as a PRN nurse for Mercy One caring for infants and children in their homes." Evelyn retired at age 67.





Lowell and Evelyn have three children. Daughter Beth Siebrands lives in St. Peter, Minnesota and is employed at radio station KJLY. Son Dale Heimdal works for General Mills in the Cities, and son Alan Heimdal lives in Ventura and works at Winnebago Industries. They are also blessed with six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

After retiring, Lowell began collecting and repairing clocks. Evelyn is very active at Bethel Lutheran Brethren south of Joice.

While the couple was at home recovering from COVID, their three children went to the Iowa State Fair to receive the Century Farm Certificate.

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ACT to open 57th season with comedy 'The Big Five-Oh'



Albert Lea Community Theatre (ACT) will open its 57th season with "The Big Five-Oh" at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center from September 29 – October 8.

Written by Rochester native Brian Mitchell, "The Big Five-Oh" is a hilarious, sometimes touching account of a grown man coming to terms with his age, his relationship with his son, and his future. Whoever said life is better after 50 had better be right! George Thomas is turning 50 on Saturday, and it has been a terrible week. His dog is sick, his son is a slacker, and his daughter wants to marry a Republican. With a neurotic wife and a widowed neighbor providing more challenges than even George can overcome, this may be the worst week of his life. Through these trying days, George will discover the wonders of family, the responsibilities of parenthood, and the results of his latest physical.

Cast members are Andrew Anderson, Dawn Friday, Michelle Supalla, Ethan Eriksmoen, Kris Bartley, Daniel Montenegro and Kaitlyn Hanna. The play is directed by Rory Mattson.

"The Big Five-Oh" will be performed at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center in downtown Albert Lea on September 29, 30; October 1, 2 and 5-8. Shows start at 7:30 p.m., with the Sunday, Oct. 2, matinee, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students. Tickets may be purchased over the phone by calling 1-877-730-3144 (service fees apply), online at actonbroadway.com or at the box office. Tickets also are for sale at the Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau. ACT season tickets can be purchased until October 8. More information on tickets and box office hours is on the ACT website.

Albert Lea Community Theatre is a non-profit organization featuring local actors, directors and stage crew who volunteer their time. All performances are at the Marion Ross Performing Arts Center, 147 North Broadway, in downtown Albert Lea. For ticket prices and more information, go to actonbroadway.com or find ACT on Broadway on Facebook.



Carman home has Curb Appeal

The home of Barb and Aaron Carman, located at 500 Nature Avenue, was selected as the last home with "curb appeal" to be highlighted this year. The home was selected for its mums and assorted plantings, pumpkins, squash, perennials and other touches that make it a very inviting fall setting for those that visit the home or those that see it as they drive by.

Energy assistance program available to qualified households

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has been in existence for over 30 years helping families pay a portion of their winter heating costs. Eligibility for the program is based on several factors including income, household size, heat type and housing type. A one-time payment will be made to your heating company.

Requirements for service include proof of income – all income must be from the same time period.

• Most recent 30 days of income or most recent federal income tax return.

• Include check stubs, award letters from social security, etc.

• FIP/child support/pension/dividends/all other income sources.

Social security number verification, names and dates of birth for all household members and most recent heat and electric bill.

Annual household income guidelines are for one household member, $27,180; two household members, $36,620; three household members, $46,060; four household members, $55,500; five household members, $69,940; six household members, $74,380. Printable applications are available at www.nicao-online.org. Apply online at http://portal.liheapia.net/.

Priority is given to elderly (60 and over) and/or disabled to apply on October 1. All other households can apply on November 1.

The in-person requirement has been waived. Applications are accepted by mail, email, online or by telephone. For Worth County call Cerro Gordo County Outreach Office at 1-800-473-1899. More information about the verification process at this office can be received by calling 641-228-2893.

North Iowa Community Action Organization is here to help low-income families survive after lost jobs, lack of employment opportunities, exhausted unemployment benefits and frozen Social Security benefits.

This program is not designated to pay a household's total energy costs. The program will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors. Those factors include total household income, household size, dwelling type and type of heating fuel, among others. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2023.

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Wednesday, Blood Pressure Clinic, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday, Worship Service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation, 10:30 a.m.; Monday, Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran, Manly

Sunday, Adult Bible Study at Bethlehem, 8 a.m., Bethlehem Worship, 9 a.m., Joyful Noise Choir Practice at Grace, 9:15 a.m., Sunday School at Bethlehem, 10:15 a.m., Grace Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor Cory Allard

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Northwood United Methodist Church

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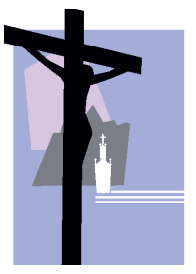
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Enduring Suffering



One can endure almost anything, so long as it isn't meaningless. By the very nature of our finite existence, we are going to suffer. All God's creatures will suffer sickness or injury, and ultimately death, but that does not make life meaningless. Suffering can be made sacred by identifying our suffering with the suffering and death of Christ, which gives our suffering cosmic significance. Another way in which one can make one's suffering meaningful is by envisioning it as a trial. It may be a cliché to say that suffering produces character, but that doesn't make it less true. We all must find our own way to make our suffering meaningful. Sometimes the suffering is just the tedium of our jobs, and even mind-numbing boredom can be an opportunity to find meaning via mindfulness. Other times the suffering is physical pain or discomfort, and the challenge is to figure out how to view our pain or discomfort in such a way that it can be handled with equanimity. Perhaps the hardest suffering to endure is mental or emotional suffering. Anxiety and depression can literally be too much for many people to endure, and so it is vital to ask for help, and sometimes that is the meaning in suffering: that we are finite, limited creatures who are quite often helpless in the face of horrible pain and that we must be ready and willing to reach out for help. —Christopher Simon

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Bulwer Lytton, Edward Robert



by Sandy Olson

To contact Sandy Olson for comments or suggestions, please email her at: midwestfoodie@gmail.com

We used to spend a lot of time in Lanesboro, Minnesota each summer biking, canoeing, tubbing and camping. For a teeny town of fewer than 1,000 people they have so much to do and see…including a good public library. In 1994 the "Lanesboro Public Library Cookbook" (Jumbo Jack's Cookbooks, Audubon, Iowa) was compiled by a group of dedicated cooks who wanted a project to support the library and its projects. The following recipes are adapted from an interesting chapter titled "Recipes From The Past." They were reprinted from a cookbook the Library Board published in 1939.

Sour Cream Devil's Food Cake
Mrs. Dan Hennessy

2 large eggs, beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups brown sugar
1/2 cup cocoa
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups real sour cream
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 cup hot water

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Cream together the eggs and brown sugar until well combined. Combine the dry ingredients together in a separate bowl. Combine the wet ingredients together in another bowl. Add the dry ingredients alternately with the wet ingredients to the creamed mixture, using about 1/3 of each at a time. Beat well between additions. When the batter is well mixed, pour into a buttered 9x13-inch baking pan. Bake for about 30 minutes, then test for doneness with a wooden toothpick. If it comes out sticky, add more time, starting with 5 minutes and continuing until the cake tests done. SANDY'S NOTE: this old recipe did not give either oven temperature or baking time! Cool completely in the pan then frost with chocolate fudge icing.

Spaghetti
Mrs. Rose Bell

1 box (12 oz.) thin spaghetti
1 large onion, chopped
8 link pork breakfast sausages
1 can (16oz.) diced tomatoes

Cook the spaghetti as directed on the package until about 3/4 done; rinse and drain; set aside. Cut the sausages into bite-sized pieces. In a large heavy skillet, over medium-low heat, fry the sausages and when a little grease starts to accumulate in the pan, add the chopped onion. Cook until the sausage pieces are brown and cooked through. Add the diced tomatoes with their juice and mix the entire thing together. Add the cooked spaghetti and mix. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Put the spaghetti mixture into a greased casserole dish and bake for about 30 minutes. Serve immediately. SANDY'S NOTE: some mozzarella cheese on top of this dish would add another level of flavor. Either slice the cheese or use the shredded type.

Genuine Old Fashioned Baked Beans
Mrs. Melvin Anderson

SANDY'S NOTE: No canned Bush's Baked Beans® in THIS recipe. Try beans from scratch and see what a difference it makes in flavor.

Take a one pound bag of navy beans, wash them and pick out any stones or discolored pieces of bean. Put into a large pot and cover with water, soaking them overnight. The next morning, leave them in the same water and bring to a boil. Add 1/2 teaspoon baking soda and continue to boil until the skins crack. Drain the beans and place them in a large bowl. Add 1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup chopped raw bacon, ham or salt pork cut into small cubes, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 2 cups canned diced tomatoes with juice, 1 tablespoon kosher salt, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper and 1 teaspoon dry mustard. Add enough water to cover the beans and ingredients, mix well and pour into a crockery bean pot or large roaster. Cover and bake at 300 degrees F. for 4-5 hours. Peek occasionally to see that the beans don't dry out. If so, add a bit of water but don't make them soupy.

These old-time recipes often did not include detailed instructions because everyone just knew how to cook and what went where for how long! I have a friend who insists that the secret behind her delicious baked beans is an old bean pot that has been handed down for generations in her family. I searched and searched for one because she said a new bean pot would not provide the same results as an old one. I finally found one in a thrift shop and then….went on a low carb diet! But I still have the pot. And… that's all she wrote.

Northwood Anchor Society

Cunards wed April 9, 2022

Dana Borcherding and Matthew Cunard were married on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the Hidden Acre in Waverly, Iowa, followed by a reception. Officiating the marriage was Pastor Brian King.

Dana is the daughter of David and Cindy Borcherding of Northwood, Iowa, and granddaughter of Marlene Borcherding and the late Dale Borcherding of Mason City, Iowa, and the late Phyllis and the late Howard Sherer of Mason City, Iowa.

Matthew is the son of the late Paul Cunard and Cathy Dykman-Acinger of Spring Hills, Kansas, and grandson of Dorothy Dykman of Overland Park, Kansas, the late Loyd Dykman, the late Christine and the late Harold Cunard.

Dana is a 2007 Northwood-Kensett graduate and received her Bachelor of Arts in Education with a minor in Special Education from the University of Northern Iowa in 2013. She is currently employed by the Waterloo Community School District and is teaching at Highland Elementary as a Pre-K instructional strategist.

Matthew is a 2008 graduate from Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, Shawnee, Kansas. Matthew received his Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts from Wartburg College in 2012. He is currently a self-employed marketing consultant.

Maid of honor was Shelley Hartman, of Stoughton, Wisconsin, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Katie Reding, of Garner, Iowa, friend of the bride, Evie Lamont, of Danbury, Connecticut, friend of the bride, Emily Christian, of Emmons, Minnesota, friend of the bride, Amy Finch, of Overland Park, Kansas, sister-in-law of the bride and Jr. bridesmaid, Alexa Conrad, of Barnesville, Minnesota, niece of the bride.



MATTHEW AND DANA CUNARD

Flower girl was Aubrey Borcherding, of Barnesville, Minnesota, niece of the bride.

Dana's personal attendant was Causandra Gaston, of Waterloo, Iowa, friend of the bride.

Best man was Andrew Cunard, of Overland Park, Kansas, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Ryan Kautz, of Prairie Village, Kansas, friend of the groom, Dan McMullen, of Prairie Village, Kansas, friend of the groom, Al Strain, of Sumner, Iowa, friend of the groom, Jeremy Ibarra, of Dallas Texas, friend of the groom, and Matt Borcherding, of Barnesville, Minnesota, brother of the bride.

Ring bearer was Bennett Cunard, of Overland Park, Kansas, nephew of the groom.

Ushers were Trey Gonzales, of Des Moines, Iowa, friend of the bride, Ben Read, of Duluth, Minnesota, friend of the bride, and James Alword, of Johnston, Iowa, friend of the bride.

The couple is currently residing in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Northwood Public Library

By Emily Tufte
Library Director

October is here and so is the colder weather! Come check out our new books so you can stay inside where it's warm!

Friday morning story times have been going on! It's so fun and we have room for more! On Friday, October 7 and 21 are our next ones, starting at 10 a.m. These are geared for toddler and preschool age, but babies are welcome too! It's a fun time for kids to socialize together, learn about sitting quietly for a short story or two, have some fun coloring and playing with the library toys. Parents and caregivers can enjoy some chit chat too! Please pay attention to the library's facebook page for more information.

The end of October is of course Halloween! We're planning a fun Halloween party for Saturday, October 29, during our normal hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wear your costumes and come play some fun games! Treats, prizes and free books will be available! Please come hang out and have some family fun that Saturday!

The library has two different book clubs that participate in a monthly reading and discussion. If this is anything that sounds interesting to you, don't hesitate to reach out at the library!

New at the library this month:

Adult Fiction: "Blowback" by James Patterson, "Distant Thunder" by Stuart Woods, "Hester" by Laurie Lico Albanese, "The High Notes" by Danielle Steel, "In the Shadow of a Queen" by Heather B. Moore, "Mad Honey" by Jodi Picoult, "Voice of Fear" by Heather Graham, "Dreamland" by Nicholas Sparks, "The Winners" by Fredrik Backman, and many more.

Adult Non-fiction books: "Live Wire" by Kelly Ripa and "Food Journeys of a Lifetime" by the National Geographic Society.

Kids books: "Busy Betty" by Reese Witherspoon, "Cleanup Crew" by John Cena, "The Good, The Bad, and The Spooky" by Jory John, "Trick or Treat, Crankenstein" by Samantha Berger, "Pete the Cat Plays Hide and Seek" by Kimberly Dean, "Pig the Rebel" by Aaron Blabey, and many more.

I've been posting some pictures of the new books to the Northwood Public Library's Facebook page, so don't forget to "Like" the page to be notified when we put more new books out throughout the month.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have via e-mail emily@northwood.lib.ia.us or call us at 324-1340. We hope you will check us out soon!

Governor signs harvest proclamation

Governor Kim Reynolds has signed a proclamation relating to the weight limits and transportation of grain, fertilizer and manure.

The proclamation is effective immediately and continues through October 30, 2022. The proclamation allows vehicles transporting corn, soybeans, hay, straw, silage, stover, fertilizer (dry, liquid, and gas), and manure (dry and liquid) to be overweight (not exceeding 90,000 pounds gross weight) without a permit for the duration of this proclamation.

This proclamation applies to loads transported on all highways within Iowa (excluding the interstate system) and those which do not exceed a maximum of 90,000 pounds gross weight, do not exceed the maximum axle weight limit determined under the non-primary highway maximum gross weight table in Iowa Code § 321.463 (6) (b), by more than 12.5 percent, do not exceed the legal maximum axle weight limit of 20,000 pounds, and comply with posted limits on roads and bridges.

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Northwood Anchor **Opinion**

Savvy Senior

Auto aids that make driving easier and safer

Dear Savvy Senior,

Do you know of any car gadgets that can help older drivers? I drive a 12-year-old car and have arthritis in my neck, back and knees which limits my mobility making it more difficult to get in and out of the car and look over my shoulder to back-up.

Almost 80

Dear Almost,

To help keep older drivers safe and extend their driving years, there are a number of inexpensive products you can purchase that can easily be added to your vehicle to help with many different needs. Here are some popular auto aids to consider.

Entry and Exit Aids

For mobility challenged seniors who have a difficult time entering and exiting a vehicle – especially cars that are low to the ground or high vehicles such as SUV's or pickup truck's – there are a variety of support handles and special seat cushions that can help.

Some examples include the Stander (stander.com) "HandyBar" ($40), which is a portable support grab bar that inserts into the U-shaped striker plate on the doorframe, and the "CarCaddie" ($20), a nylon support handle that buckles around the top of the door window frame. Stander also has an "Auto Swivel Seat Cushion" ($40), that rotates 360 degrees to help drivers and passengers pivot their body into and out of their vehicle.

Rear Vision Improvements

To help those with neck and back range of motion problems, which makes looking over the shoulder to back-up or merge into traffic difficult, there are special mirrors you can add as well as back-up cameras.

To widen rear visibility and eliminate blind spots, Verivue Mirrors (verivuemirrors.com) offers the popular "Universal 12-Inch Panoramic Rearview Mirror" ($13) that clips on to existing rearview mirrors, along with a variety of "Blind Spot Mirrors" ($5 for two), which are small convex mirrors that stick to the corner of the sideview mirrors.

Another helpful device is the "Auto-vox CS-2 Wireless Backup Camera Kit" ($120, www.auto-vox.com). This comes with a night vision camera that attaches to the rear license plate, and a small monitor that mounts to the dash or windshield. When the vehicle is in reverse, it sends live images wirelessly to the monitor so you can see what's behind you.

Seat Belt Extenders

For plus-sized people or those with mobility problems, there are seat belt extension products that can make buckling up a little easier. For example, Seat Belt Extender Pros (seatbeltextenderpros.com) offers vehicle-specific "Seat Belt Extenders" ($13 to $26) that fit into the seat belt buckle receiver to add a few inches of length, making them easier to fasten. They also sell a "Seat Belt Grabber Handle" ($8), which is a rubber extension handle that attaches to the seat belt strap to make it easier to reach.

Gripping Devices

If you have hand arthritis that makes gripping difficult or painful, consider the "SEG Direct Steering Wheel Cover" ($17) that fits over the steering wheel to make it larger, softer and easier to grip. And for help twisting open tight gas caps, the "Gas Cap & Oil Cap Opener by Gascapoff" ($17) is a long-handled tool that works like a wrench to loosen and tighten gas caps.

Many of these products can be found in your local auto supply stores or online at the manufacturer's website or at Amazon.com. Just type the product name in the search bar to find them.

Professional Help

If you need more assistance, consider contacting a driver rehabilitation specialist who are trained to evaluate elderly drivers and provide safety and driving equipment suggestions.

In addition to the types of aids mentioned in this column, there's also a range of adaptive driving equipment that can be professionally installed on a vehicle – like swing-out swivel seats, pedal extenders, hand controls and more – to help people with various disabilities. To locate a driver rehabilitation specialist in your area, visit ADED.net or MyAOTA.aota.org/driver_search.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



Ponderings from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting

How much do you want for that bucket of bolts you call a lawn mower?

$50.

Could I get a better price?

Sure, $100.

Do you call that a better price?

It's better for me.

Driving by Bruce's drive

I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. Each day has so many rules and I need to wake up each and every day. This is the greatest day in the history of the world. We're all still here. We got the first frost out of the way in September, but fall still has some aces up its sleeve. The weather had been consistently inconsistent, so I ducked into a library, a wonderful place to lengthen an attention span. As I turned the pages of newspapers, it was impossible to avoid references to pumpkin spice. There was an ad insert that peddled circus peanuts, candy that is orange, squishy and tastes like a bad banana. Bless the people who eat circus peanuts so I don't have to. Soon it will be Halloween, then Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Christmas already! And I have gotten nothing done today.

Bad joke department

Al Pacino stars as a world-class knitter in the movie, "Scarf Face."

A snake walks into a bar. The bartender said, "How did you do that?"

How come we call it a slice of bread but a piece of toast?

I spotted a Bing Crosby album and an ancient boombox in a thrift store. Bought a Bing, bought a boom.

I wonder

Did Pandora have a junk drawer?

How does an opossum know if its baby is really sleeping?

Do leaves have nightmares about falling?

Does a Bigfoot get a lot of speeding tickets?

I've learned

I have never walked on fire, but I have stepped on my share of Lego bricks.

If everything that happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, where do they put it all?

A new car is any car newer than my old car.

Having an opinion doesn't make one an expert.

Weather is expected tomorrow.

Nature notes

The fall migration differs from the spring migration. In the spring, there is an urgency to move to secure prime nesting sites and a mate. In the fall, birds may travel more leisurely, stopping to rest and feed when conditions allow. A lot of things about birding go over my head, but it's free therapy. I saw no juncolopes again this year. They are mythical songbirds with antelope horns on their heads that are found only in my mind. I saw sandhill cranes working a field and a molting male cardinal. Even with his vibrancy diminished, the cardinal was a color capable of melting the other crayons in the box. I heard a blue jay doing a wonderful rendition of a broad-winged hawk.

I saw holes chewed in the leaves of various plants. That's not a bad thing. The holes show there are caterpillars and caterpillars are food for birds. I picked cherry tomatoes. As I ate the delicious fruits (botanically, tomatoes are fruits, but are considered vegetables by nutritionists), I realized I was eating sunlight.

Folklore says the amount of black on the woolly bear caterpillar in autumn varies proportionately with the coming winter in the locality where the caterpillar was spotted. The longer the woolly bear's black bands, the more severe the winter will be. The longer the middle brown band, the milder the upcoming winter.

Monarch butterflies can fly in the rain, but not for long. When it's raining, monarchs rarely fly. They cling to trees or bushes. If they become wet, they can't fly because their wings become too heavy. Monarchs don't need to stay completely dry. If they get wet, they remain still until the water evaporates from their bodies. They bask in the sun to dry their wings. Monarch butterflies reach Mexico near the Day of the Dead in early November. Some cultures believe the monarchs (mariposas) are the souls of ancestors returning home. When they reach their destination, the monarchs overwinter in oyamel fir trees.

Yellowjackets, paper wasps, bald-faced hornets and bumble bees can sting more than once because they pull their stingers out without injuring themselves. Honey bees have tiny barbs on their stingers that remain hooked in skin. The stinger, connected to the digestive system of the bee, is torn from the abdomen as the bee attempts to fly away. As a result, the bee dies. Yellowjackets cannot be trusted at this time of the year. Expect little waspitality from them.

Meeting adjourned

Create happy memories by being kind.

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Fit to print...

Domestic violence is an epidemic in Iowa

By Paul Pate
Iowa Secretary of State

Before you finish reading this, 20 people in the United States will be abused by an intimate partner. That is how prevalent domestic violence is in our country. It's an epidemic, and it's happening here in Iowa.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. My office is using this time to make Iowans aware of the pervasiveness of domestic violence, and resources available to help survivors. You might think this is an issue that mainly affects women, but you would be wrong. Approximately 1/3 of Iowans reported experiencing domestic violence, sexual abuse or stalking from their partner. That's 35% of women and 29% of men in our state.

Domestic violence is about power. It goes beyond physical violence and includes any behavior done for the purpose of gaining control over a spouse, partner, or family member. This issue affects individuals in every community, regardless of age, race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

By raising awareness about the problem, we can support victims and survivors while holding abusers accountable. My office works with organizations across the state to promote resources that are available. One of those is our Safe at Home program.

During the 2015 session of the Iowa Legislature, lawmakers from both chambers unanimously passed the Safe at Home Act. Spearheaded by Rep. Dean Fisher, they created an address confidentiality program for survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, trafficking, and stalking. The program shields participants' physical address and provides a legal substitute address for use on public and personal documents. Safe at Home adds an important layer of protection for survivors, making it much harder for their abusers to locate them. It also helps participants lead an active life within their community.

Representative Fisher had a constituent who was a young mother that was suffering from domestic abuse. She was forced to flee Iowa, leave family behind to escape her attacker, and go to a state that had an address confidentiality program. That prompted Rep. Fisher to take the lead in the Iowa Legislature to create a program here, and I was proud to work with him on its implementation.

Since its launch in 2016, Safe at Home has grown to provide protection for more nearly 2,000 participants. It is one of the resources in the toolkit for survivors to use. There are many others. The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence has an extensive list of local organizations and shelters that can help. The Iowa Victim Service Call Center is also available 24/7 by calling 1-800-770-1650 or by texting IOWAHELP to 20121.

Someone you know has been a victim of domestic violence. By raising awareness, you can help victims become survivors. On Thursday, October 20, wear purple and participate in Purple Thursday, a national day of action during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It's an easy way to let survivors know you support them while promoting the cause. Join me, my staff, and Iowans across the state in this movement. Let's be a voice for victims.

Paul Pate
Iowa Secretary of State

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Northwood Anchor Early Files

100 years ago

October 4, 1922

On Sunday, October 1, at about noon friends and neighbors gathered at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Knute Mostrom in Brookfield Township, to surprise them and to remind them of their golden anniversary. After dinner the crowd was called to order and addresses delivered by Revs. C.B. Ylvisaker, Northwood, L.O. Peterson, Forest City, and Th. Sigmond, Kensett.

Arne Luckason is completing the preparations for his big sale of Short Horn cattle, which he will hold at his farm, two northwest of Poland, on October 17. The Luckason herd is conceded to be a top notcher and buyers are expected form far and near.

Throughout the state of Iowa there are around 100 potato test plots and two of them are to be found in Worth County; one on the Hans Flatness farm, northeast of Northwood, and the other on the W.A. Nack farm at Grafton.

The football season was opened rather brightly when the high school team took Clear Lake through a 12-0 defeat. The break in the game came during the third quarter, when Louis Williams, captain and quarterback, intercepted a Clear Lake pass and ran for a touchdown. Russell Perry, at halfback, tore off some good end runs and Ranum ripped the line to pieces with his plunging, carrying the ball over on the second touchdown. A large crowd was in attendance and much pep was in evidence.

At the Polo Grounds in New York City today the Giants won the first game of the World Series by a score of 3-2. The report was received just as the Anchor goes to press by radio through the C.H. Dwelle instrument. Giants, runs 3, hits 11, and errors 3; Yanks, runs 2, hits 7, and errors 0. Through the courtesy of Dr. Dwelle, The Anchor has the honor of presenting the first radio report of a World Series ball game ever received in Northwood.

75 years ago

October 2, 1947

Based on a survey made by farmers covering representative areas in each township in Worth County, average yields of corn for the county are expected to be about 34 bushels per acre, it was stated by Wm. H. St. Clair, county extension director, who was in charge of the survey. Last year the average yield was an all-time high of 62 bu. per acre, and the 10 year average for Worth County is given as 49.7 bu. per acre.

Two Northwood young men, both with nearly three years of Army service in World War II, have formed a partnership and entered the automobile repair business in Northwood. A deal was completed this week whereby Ivan Olson and Merle Rusell become owners of the business established here by Glen Then in 1938. The building on west Central Avenue is included in the deal.

Two 21,000-gallon capacity storage tanks are being installed at Manly by the Worth County Co-Op Oil Co., to better serve their patrons in that part of the county. The tanks are being placed along the M. & St. L. tracks just south of Highway No. 9 in the town.

Arthur Suby, formerly of Fertile, is now a mechanic at the Northern Chevrolet Co. garage, where he started work. Mr. and Mrs. Suby have bought the J.L. Painter residence now occupied by the Darrell Gavins and will get possession on November 1.

Donald Torgerson, quarterback on the Viking football team, is laid up at home with three fractured ribs and torn ligaments in one shoulder as a result of injuries in last Friday evening's game with Belmond.

Fire early on Tuesday morning destroyed the home and contents on the Hans Quisley homestead six miles east of Emmons, where Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, son-in-law and daughter of the Quisleys, have lived for several years.

50 years ago

October 5, 1972

A 69-year old bridge spanning Elk Creek 9 1/2 miles west and a mile and one-half south of Northwood was destroyed at around noon on Friday when the driver of a 36 ton semi-trailer filled with propane gas tried to drive the truck cross it. The driver, Ardell E. Meindts, 43, of Clear Lake, was treated by a Northwood physician for facial cuts and released. According to Meindts, the northbound tractor made it across the bridge before the structure began to collapse, causing the rig to veer into the ditch on the west side of the road. No charges will be filed, according to Worth County Sheriff Ivan W. Davey.

Terraces on the Lloyd Evans farm southeast of Joice, are about one year old. Many other terrace projects are in various stages of completion in Worth County, as the terraces decrease runoff and erosion, and are no particular problem in the farming operation.

Robert Evans Brunsvold, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brunsvold, rural Northwood, was baptized on Wednesday evening, September 27, at Elk Creek Lutheran Church, rural Kensett, by the Rev. Lemoine T. Jacobs. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Logemann, Northwood, and Mr. and Mrs. George Weber, Illinois, St. Louis, Missouri, by proxy.

The Northwood-Kensett High School class of '67 met for its first reunion at the Holiday Lounge. Ninety two members and spouses were present for the social evening and dinner meeting. Mark Johnson, who was president of the class, was master of ceremonies. Prizes were given to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tenold, who came the greatest distance, and to Miss Pat Goddard for having most unusual occupation. She is assistant manager of a men's store in Marshalltown. Richard Haugebak will be in charge of the next reunion in five years.

25 years ago

October 1, 1997

Kensett Township farmer Keith Olson got a helping hand from four-year-old grandson Hayden while preparing his combine for the upcoming soybean harvest. The young on-the-job trainee, son of Russ and Teresa Olson of Grove Township, proved pretty adept at handing wrenches to grandpa, but came down with the "Aw, shucks," giggles when grandpa offered to let him drive the combine come harvest time, and took a rain check on the opportunity.

Farmers State Bank loan officer Dennis Reyerson showed Northwood-Kensett third and fourth graders some of the dangers of farming as part of a National Farm Safety Week presentation at N-K's East and West Elementary buildings. Here, N-K third-graders got a good view of one of the dangers inherent in playing around farm machinery at harvest time. Reyerson placed a toy child atop a pile of corn in this miniature gravity flow wagon, and when he opened the plexiglass wagon's flow bar, the doll sank into the corn and disappeared from view long before the wagon emptied. The presentation was sponsored by Farmers State Bank, the Worth County Extension Service and the national organization "Farm Safety Just 4 Kids."

Work on Northwood's new post office continues to progress, as concrete masons employed by Wicks Construction of Decorah poured and shaped the sidewalks and curbs of the Ninth St. South cul-de-sac. The crew formed the cul-de-sac after pouring the parking lot situated on the former Central Park basketball court earlier in the week.

Jesse Harang's photo of kids playing on playground equipment at Swensrud Park won him a first place finish in the family category of the Farm Bureau Photography Award contest. Jesse is the son of Jeanette Zipse, Northwood and Eric Harang, Germany.

10 years ago

October 3, 2012

The arrival of fall means the arrival of fall foliage and decorations, such as the pumpkins and flowers surrounding the children. The young people pictured took a break from their morning routine at the A Touch of Love Day Care, to pose for a picture on Wanda Love's front porch. Pictured were Max Johnson, Liberty Paulson, Maya Johnson, Emmy Wahl, Brekken Haberman, Rhett Diedrich and Chloe Ott.

Republican candidates for U.S. and Iowa congressional offices met with area residents at Northwood City Hall last week. Merlin Bartz, running to represent District 26 in the Iowa Senate, and Ben Lange, running to represent Iowa's District 1 in the U.S. House of Representatives, discussed the issues and answered questions with the gathered group.

Amongst the many chores that the city crew undertakes to prepare for the winter ahead is flushing the city's fire hydrants. Dirk VanRyswyk is letting the water loose from a hydrant along the Highway 65 frontage road in the northern part of the city. With the lack of rainfall this summer, the standing water stood out as even more unusual this year.

The latest example of unusual gardening results brought to the Anchors' attention arrived in the offices last week, courtesy of Lolita Hammes. Hammes brought with her a unique set of dumpling squash. Their unusual nature "stems" from a shared plant part. The squash grew in opposite directions with a stem in common, making them a rare conjoined set in the squash world. The squash came from the garden of Russ Knudson.

Northwood Anchor Obituaries

Melissa Olson

Melissa Jo (Hauge) Olson, 45, of Northwood, passed away on September 16, 2022.

She was born on September 21, 1976, to Larry Hauge and Lea-Ann Arnold in Mason City, Iowa.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 7, from 5-7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, at Schroeder & Sites Funeral Home.

Melissa was the most loving and caring wife, daughter, granddaughter, sister, mother and grandmother.



MELISSA OLSON

Melissa graduated from Northwood-Kensett High School in 1996. She continued her schooling at Hamilton College, where she got her Associate's Degree in accounting.

Melissa loved spending time with her family, whether it be having a movie night with extra buttery popcorn, going for rides on the Harley or camping and being outdoors.

She is survived by her husband, Dean Olson; father, Larry Hauge; mother, Lea-Ann Arnold; grandmother, Geraldine Arnold; brothers, Christopher Hauge (Cary Johnson) and Brandon Hauge; daughter, Sidney Hauge (Joe Lister); and grandson, Oliver Lister.

Melissa is proceeded in death by her grandfather, Mickey Arnold; grandfather, Kenneth Flatness; and grandmother, Arlene Flatness.

IDALS announces availability of local food for schools grants

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig announced recently that, as part of Iowa's Local Food Day, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship will provide more than $2.1 million in grants to Iowa schools as part of the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS).

The grants, offered in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), will provide Iowa public and private schools with money to purchase meat, produce, and dairy products from local farmers.

"These grants provide yet another way that we can assist our schools with providing fresh, nutritious, and delicious meals to students while also building demand and markets for Iowa meat, produce, and dairy products," said Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig. "As we continuously pursue efforts to shorten the distance from farm to plate, improve our supply chain resiliency, and foster long-term connections between students, schools, and farmers, initiatives like the Local Food for Schools program are helpful and important."

Iowa farmers interested in participating in the program can fill out the Producer Registration Form.

Iowa public and private schools participating in the National School Lunch Program can apply for the grants. The approved schools will receive funding to purchase food from local farmers and food hubs. Schools may choose a $4000 grant for produce, a $4000 grant for protein and certain dairy products, or both.

Approved schools will be assigned a food hub sponsor to help coordinate the purchases. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship is partnering with the Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development (Iowa Valley RC&D), Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and Iowa's Food Hub Managers Working Group (FHMWG) to strategically implement the program in Iowa and to build the capacity for local procurement.

Applications from schools will be approved on a rolling basis and must be submitted by November 1, 2022. The expenses must be incurred between October 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. Any unspent funds will be available for the 2023-2024 school year. The grant period ends February 28, 2024, and all funds must be spent prior to that date.

Hazardous materials collected on Oct. 17 in Grafton

The Landfill of North Iowa's Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Trailer will be in Grafton on Monday, October 17, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., at Grafton City Hall.

Residents of Grafton can dispose of materials that day. That includes oil-based or latex paint, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, kerosene, insecticides, photographic supplies, weed killers, varnish, paint thinner, rug cleaner, fertilizers, motor oil, furniture stripper, furniture polish, slug bait, antifreeze, wood preservative, spot remover, rat poison, gasoline, air freshener glue, cement, household batteries, oven cleaner vehicle batteries, toilet bowl cleaner, drain opener and fluorescent bulbs and ballasts.

Bolan

Dale Koppen of Arnolds Park was a visitor at the home of Joe and Linda Nydegger on Friday.

Joe and Linda Nydegger met Joe's cousins, Jim and Lois Ditzler of Phoenix, Arizona, and Carol and Bill Clark of Farmington, Minnesota, for brunch at a restaurant on Saturday morning. They had not had an opportunity to get together for a few years so it was a special time to catch up with family.

On Saturday afternoon Lori Willert and Joe and Linda Nydegger attended the 38th Annual 5 Seasons Marching Bank Invitational held at Kingston Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Ben and Clare Nydegger are a part of the Mount Vernon Marching Mustangs. Ben, a high school senior, is in the Drum Line and Clare, a sophomore, plays trumpet and is one of three Drum Majors. There were 10 Class 3A marching bands and Mt. Vernon achieved second place. Their Drum Line received first place. Joining Loren and Renee at the event, plus Lori, Joe and Linda, were Larry Nydegger and his daughter, Evelyn, of rural Ellendale, and Daniel Nydegger of Denison, Iowa. Larry and Evelyn attended a Cornell College soccer game in the morning. Evelyn, a high school junior at NREHG, plays soccer for the Waseca, Minnesota, high school team.

UPCOMING EVENT IN BOLAN: "Pancakes, Pumpkins & Pumpkin Pie" will be held on Sunday, October 9, at the Bolan Schoolhouse and Cultural Center from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Come pick out a pumpkin from the patch and fill up on pancakes followed by a piece of pie! Free-will donation. Take outs will be available.

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Ocel and Thorson finish in top 25 at G-H/V XC meet

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

If your cross country numbers are low, as is the case with the Northwood-Kensett teams, especially the girls, then it can help tremendously if two of those girls are quality runners like N-K's Megan Ocel and Macy Thorson.

Ocel and Thorson continued to make a name for themselves in the XC world with a ninth and 23rd place finish last Monday afternoon at Garner-Hayfield/Ventura.

Ocel completed her race in 22:45.21, while Thorson crossed the line in 24:24.99.

The boys had just two runners compete last week as well. Freshman Zach Heiken placed 53rd with a time of 21:56.59, while junior Christopher Madsen placed 66th, crossing the line in 23:58.36.

The boys and girls XC teams ran on Monday at Lake Mills and will wrap up the regular season the following Monday at Forest City before competing in the Top of Iowa Conference meet next Thursday on the campus of NIACC in Mason City.

Boys Team Scores at GHV – Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 36, Lake Mills 63, Osage 71, Central Springs 104, North Butler 123, Belmond-Klemme 144

Girls Team Scores at GHV – Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 60, North Iowa 61, Osage 64, Central Springs 86, Lake Mills 125, Saint Ansgar 156



Lions Club officers elected

The Northwood Lions Club recently selected its officers for the next year. In the top picture, are (from left) past president Gregg Olson, president Norlyn Stowell, treasurer Michael Godfrey, District Governor Michael Revera and Megan Ott, Board of Directors. Pictured below are secretary Nancy Amundson, vice president Ryan Welch and treasurer Michael Godfrey.





A visit with Penny the goat

Northwood storyteller JoAnn Lower was pleasantly surprised when a special guest attended her recent visit at the Lutheran Retire Home. Pictured above visiting with residents is Penny the Goat, who was there with her friend Madison Hanson.

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Please contact your local electric cooperative/utility if you plan to build a grain bin in the vicinity of an electric distribution line or electric transmission line.

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The State of Iowa requires specific clearances for electric lines around grain bins, with different standards for those filled by portable and permanent augers, conveyors and elevators. The drawings show specific clearances required for each scenario.

Clearance Envelope for Grain Bins Filled by Permanently Installed Augers, Conveyors, or Elevators

Source: American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2017
"National Electrical Safety Code," Rule F-234-4(a), page 138

Legend
P = probe clearance 5.5 (18 ft.) required by Rule 234F1a
H = horizontal clearance 4.6 m (15 ft.) required by Rule 234F1b
T = transition clearance
V_1 = vertical clearance above a building required by Rule 234C (Table 234-1)
V_2 = vertical clearance required by Rule 232B (Table 232=1 or 232-2)

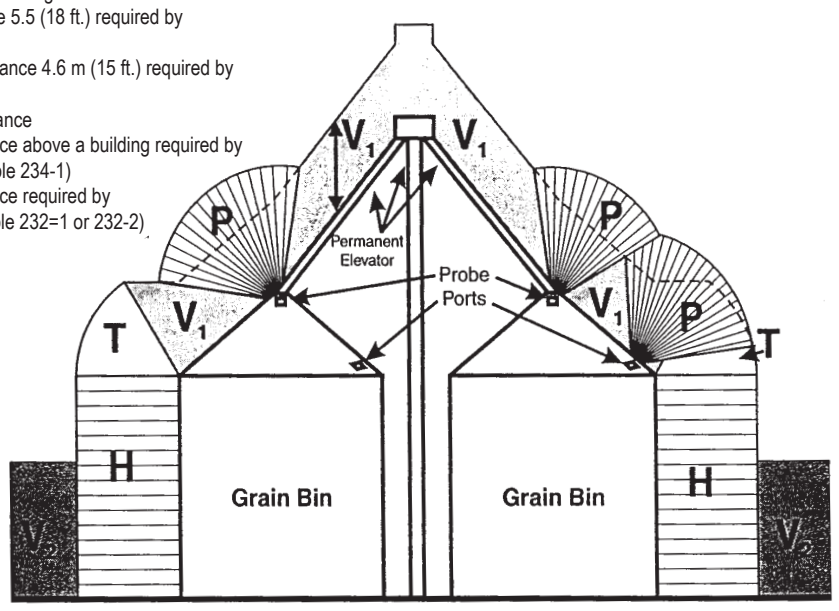


Figure 234-4(a) – Clearance envelope for grain bins filled by permanently installed augers, conveyors, or elevators

Clearance Envelope for Grain Bins Filled by Portable Augers, Conveyors, or Elevators

Source: American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C2-2017
"National Electrical Safety Code," Rule F-234-4(b), page 139

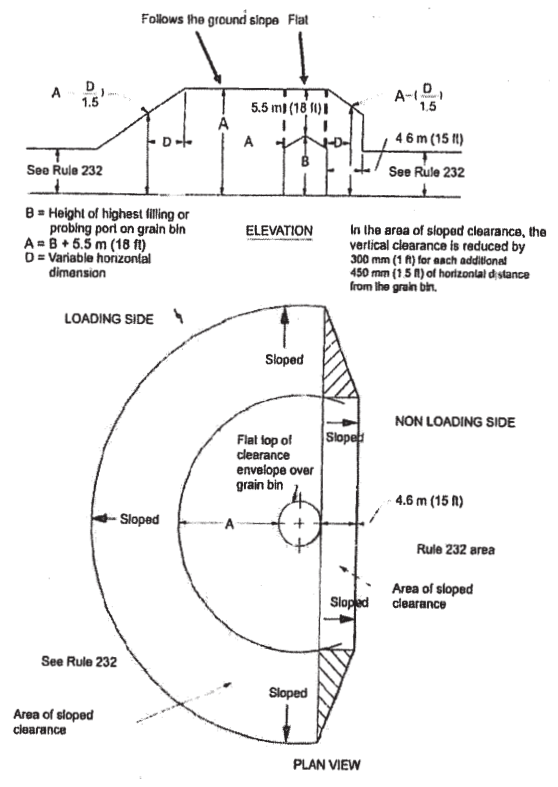


Figure 234-4(b) – Clearance envelope for grain bins filled by portable augers, conveyors, or elevators

According to the Iowa Electric Safety Code found in Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 199 - 25.2(3)b., your local electric utility may refuse to provide electric service to any grain bin built near an existing electric line which does not provide the clearances required by the American National Standards Institutes (ANSI)C2-2017 "National Electrical Safety Code," Rule 234F. This Paragraph "b" shall apply only to grain bins loaded by portable augers, conveyors or elevators built after September 9, 1992, or to grain bins loaded by permanently installed augers, conveyors or elevator systems installed after December 24, 1997. (As adopted by the Iowa Utilities Board)

Dairyland Power Cooperative is required by the Iowa Utilities Board to provide this annual notice to farmers, farm lenders, grain bin merchants, and city and county zoning officials. If you have any questions concerning clearance regulations, please call our Real Estate, Right of Way and Related Services Department, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 608-788-4000. You may also write to us at the following address: DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE, Attn: Real Estate Dept., 3200 East Avenue South, P.O. Box 817, La Crosse, WI 54602-0817.

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City Council

The Council of the City of Northwood met in regular session at City Hall on 9/26/22 at 6 pm with Mayor Moehle presiding and the following council members present: George-Zenz, Peterson, Nerlien, Reeder, Tenold.

Motion to approve the agenda. Unam.

Motion to remove the transfer of Dollar General Cigarette permit but approve the following under Consent Agenda: Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2022. Unam.

Motion to approve Dollar General Transfer of Location for Cigarette/Tobacco Permit (800 8th St N) effective on pending store opening date. Unam.

Teresa Stehn with the Northwood Garden & Craft Club discussed decorating the mini park for seasonal holidays.

Motion to offer a Wellmark EGRP Insurance option to medicare eligible enrollees. Unam.

Motion to adjourn. Unam.

Doug Moehle, Mayor
Amber Julseth
City Administrator/Clerk

Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

The Iowa Department of Transportation plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities."

The storm water discharge will be from construction activity located in Worth County on Iowa Highway 9. The project is bridge replacement with a box culvert at Beaver Creek, 0.5 mi. W. of Co. Rd. S18.

The Public Lands Survey location is Township 98N, Range 22W, Sections 28/33.

Storm water will be discharged from 4 point sources and will be discharged into the following streams: road ditches to Beaver Creek.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Environmental Protection Division, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the above address after it has been received by the Department.

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Supervisors

September 22, 2022
Special Meeting

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby and Enos Loberg pressent. A.J. Stone, absent. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

Meeting called to order by Smeby.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve today's agenda. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to approve Class C Liquor License – 5 Day – for Thomas Patterson. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Smeby to adjourn at 4:31 P.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson.5

September 26, 2022
Thirty-ninth Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby and A.J. Stone, present and Enos Loberg, absent. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

Meeting called to order by Smeby, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve today's agenda and minutes from September 19, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve claims in the amount of $343,100.94 as per the following schedule. Motion carried.

A.H. Hermel Vending & Foodservice, Supplies-Shf 34.12
Agvantage Fs Inc
Fuel-Eng 891.77
Alliant Energy
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Isac Group Health
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Judy Stevens, Mileage-Asr 125.00
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Marco Technologies Llc
Service-Eng 63.01
Niacog, Service-Tra 1,453.41
Northwood Anchor Inc
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Peopleservice Inc
Service-Wat & Wwt 19,710.26
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Supplies-Shf 494.97
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Service-Mex 2,045.23
Vanguard Appraisals Inc
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Verizon Wireless
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Visa, Service-Shf 2,555.45
Grand Total 408,240.94

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve tax abatement for the following parcels per the assessor's office: 11-21-253-005, 11-21-405-005, 09-34-281-013, 09-34-281-010, 05-28-311-009, 03-29-486-013, 07-33-207-008, 12-03-458-009, 10-30-151-002, 12-27-300-005, 12-27-100-005, 12-27-300-001, 12-34-200-004, 12-27-300-004, 12-27-300-002, 12-27-300-003, 12-27-200-001, 12-34-200-003, 12-27-200-004, 12-34-200-002, 12-27-100-007 and a parcel requested by the City of Northwood: 03-33-303-006. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the Auxiant Change in Fees Acknowledgement. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the HealthEquity Annual Flex Benefit Agreement. Motion Carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to accept the FY21 Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center Audit. Motion Carried.

Chairperson Smeby recessed the regular session at 9:03 A.M.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to open public hearing – Master Matrix Scoring and Recommendation regarding a construction permit for Summit Pork IV, LLP at 9:30 A.M. Motion carried. Public comment was heard. A letter of objection was read, which was added to the record. One individual commented via Zoom.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to close public hearing regarding the construction permit. Motion carried.

Chairperson Smeby reconvened the regular session at 10:10 A.M.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve the construction permit application with the county scored master matrix with a passing score of 450 points. Roll Call Vote: Stone – Nay, Smeby - Aye. Motion Failed.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to adjourn at 10:15 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus, Auditor
Mark Smeby, Chairperson

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Notice

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PRECINCT BOUNDARIES IN WORTH COUNTY, IOWA

Worth County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections, Jacki A. Backhaus, hereby gives notice that there have been changes to the Worth County voting precinct boundaries. These changes are a result of the required reprecincting process following the 2020 census and are effective immediately. The new precinct maps may be viewed on our county's website at https://elections.worthcountyiowa.gov/vote/maps/

The description of the updated precincts are as follows:

Precinct No. 1 - UNION – DEER CREEK – BARTON - GROVE TOWNSHIPS PRECINCT

The unincorporated areas of Union Township, Barton Township, Deer Creek Township, and Grove Township East of Raven Avenue and the City of Grafton.

Precinct No. 2 - LINCOLN TOWNSHIP PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Lincoln Township, the City of Manly.

Precinct No. 3 - BRISTOL – SILVER LAKE – HARTLAND TOWNSHIPS PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Bristol, Silver Lake Townships and Hartland Township West of Interstate 35 and the City of Joice.

Precinct No. 4 - BROOKFIELD-KENSETT TOWNSHIPS PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Brookfield and Kensett Townships, and the City of Kensett.

Precinct No. 5 – DANVILLE TOWNSHIP PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Danville Township and the City of Hanlontown.

Precinct No. 6 – FERTILE TOWNSHIP PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Fertile Township and the City of Fertile.

Precinct No. 7 – GROVE-HARTLAND TOWNSHIPS PRECINCT

The unincorporated area of Grove Township West of Raven Avenue and Hartland Township East of Interstate 35 and the City of Northwood.

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Lady Vikings still winless in TIC East after 3-0 loss at Saint Ansgar

By Mike Simmons
Sports Editor

The Northwood-Kensett volleyball team fell to 2-14 overall and 0-7 in the Top of Iowa Conference East after losing to Saint Ansgar last Tuesday night, 3-0 (8-25, 12-25, 19-25)

The Lady Vikings got blown out in the first set, losing to the Saints 25-8 before recovering a bit in the second set, a 25-12 loss. Just seeming to find their game just as the match was about to end, the Lady Vikings made a game of it in the third and final set, falling by just six points, 25-19.

No stats for this match were available at press time.

The Lady Vikings faced Osage on Tuesday in Northwood to wrap up the TIC East schedule. The Green Devils lead the conference with an unblemished 7-0 record and have not lost a set to N-K in the seven matches played between the two schools.

TIC East Volleyball Standings

TIC East	Overall
Osage 7-0	18-6
Saint Ansgar 6-1	14-10
Central Springs 5-2	14-11
Newman Catholic 4-4	8-14
North Butler 3-4	4-16
Rockford 3-4	11-9
Nashua-Plainfield 2-4	6-16
West Fork 1-5	4-13
Northwood-Kensett 0-7	2-14



Lady Viking Morgan Wallin receives a serve in last Tuesday night's 3-0 (8-25, 12-25, 19-25) loss in Saint Ansgar. Wallin is second on the team this year with 82 digs and is also one of the top servers, going 99-119 at the line for an 83.2 percent serving percentage.



Junior Chloe Costello gets a clean shot off in last Tuesday night's 3-0 TIC East loss to Saint Ansgar. Costello is playing the whole court this season, she has 36 kills, five blocks, 78 digs and 19 service aces and is 88-98 at the service line.



Viking defenders Dalton Logeman (15), Dante Sims (23) and Kooper Julseth (1) stop a Rebel ball carrier just short of the endzone in last Thursday night's 78-0 loss to Glenbrook-Reinbeck at Wartburg.



D-lineman Justin Mills pulls down a Rebel ball carrier last Thursday night on the Wartburg campus. Mills and the Vikings faced Gladbrook-Reinbeck in a non-district game with N-K falling 78-0. Mills now has 18.5 tackles in six games this season, including 15 solo for the 2-4 Vikings.

Early miscues, penalties and turnovers lead to 78-0 loss for the Vikings

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Sports Editor

The miscues, penalties and turnovers came early and often for the Vikings of Northwood-Kensett in their 78-0 non-district loss last Thursday night at Wartburg at the hands of the now 6-0 Gladbrook-Reinbeck Rebels.

After turning the ball over on its first possession of the opening quarter, the Vikings defense was unable to stop the potent Rebels offense as they went on to score on running plays of five, three, seven and four yards while completing a nine-yard pass for a score, eventually leading at the end of the first quarter, 34-0, just one point shy of having a running clock to start the second quarter of play.

But with its next score, Glenbrook-Reinbeck, after a two-point conversion, led 42-0 and the clock was set in motion, never to stop except for timeouts and after the quarter has ended, leaving the Vikings with little to no time to try to get their game going against a stingy and talented defense.

After trailing 49-0 at the halftime break the Vikings were unable to get anything going on the ground or through the air, running for negative 11 yards while completing just six passes for 16 yards, the longest coming on an eight-yard completion to Kooper Julseth, who led the team with five receptions on the night.

The loss to the Rebels was a make-up game to replace the Rockford game that was canceled after the Warriors called it quits for the varsity season after lacking a satisfactory number of upperclassmen.

The Vikings will return to district play this Friday when they host St. Edmond, N-K is 1-0 against the Gaels after winning last year's contest 35-18 on the road.

The Vikings take a 2-4 overall record into the seventh week of play and are now 1-3 in the TIC East after having a week's break from the district schedule.

G-R 78, N-K 0

N-K	0	0	0	0	0
G-R	34	14	20	10	78

Team Totals

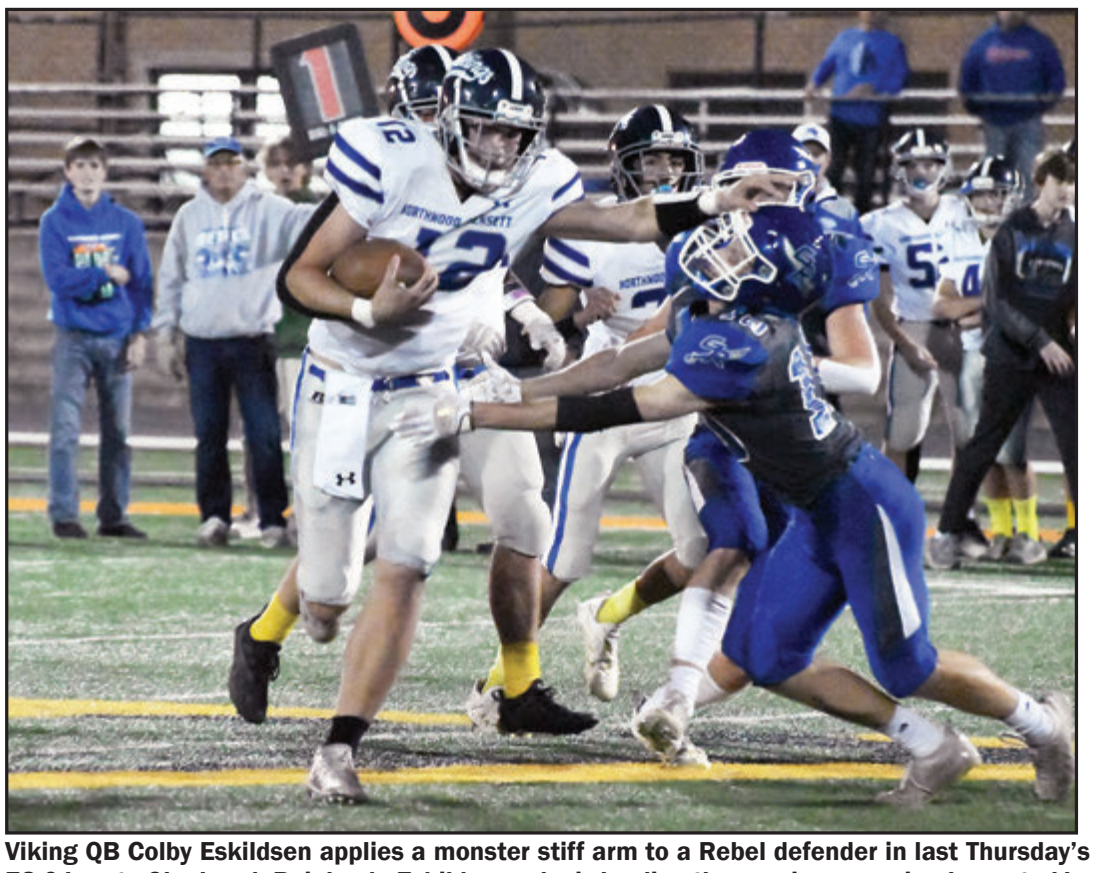
	Vikings	Rebels
Total plays	48	30
Total yards	5	287
Pass yards	16	97
Rush yards	-11	190
First downs	3	12
Third down	1-11	1-1
Fourth down	0-1	0-0
Turnovers	3	1
Fumbles lost	1	1
Interceptions	2	0
Penalties	7	2
Penalty yards	41	5

8-Man District 2 Football Standings

District 2	Overall
Harris-Lake Park 4-0	5-1
West Bend-Mallard 4-1	4-2
GTRA 3-1	5-1
St. Edmond 2-2	3-3
Bishop-Garrigan 1-3	2-4
Northwood-Kensett 1-3	2-4
North Iowa 0-5	0-6



N-K sophomore Evan Lorenzen dives for extra yardage on a kickoff return last Thursday night on the campus of Wartburg College. Lorenzen returned two kicks for 12 yards in the 78-0 loss to Glenbrook-Reinbeck.



Viking QB Colby Eskildsen applies a monster stiff arm to a Rebel defender in last Thursday's 78-0 loss to Glenbrook-Reinbeck. Eskildsen, who is leading the passing game implemented by the new coaching staff, has passed for 341 yards and three TDs and ran for 121 yards and two TDs in six games this season.

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